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## WELCOME TO YOUR UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our two conferences in October. I am grateful to the CSW team for putting on such informative events which also included a digital question and answer session. The team have undertaken to respond to any question which was not answered on the day. We will be booking the venues again for next October and will advise on dates when confirmed.

Many of our active CSW groups will have been issued with police specification Body Worn Video cameras to provide an 'independent witness' should a threatening or abusive individual approach the group during a session.

We have said a fond farewell to Allan Reed at Bodmin who after a long career as both a police officer and member of staff has announced his retirement as a Speed Detection Officer. The good news is that Mick Hinton has agreed to raise his working hours to full time to ensure continuity of coverage for our teams across Cornwall.

CSW is in a really good place. We are so grateful to you, our dependable volunteers who have kept the faith and continued to provide monitoring data. You are visible in your communities. Only this week, BBC Spotlight are featuring the work of CSW teams in encouraging our enforcement in Carnon Downs and many groups will have experienced operating alongside a police resource enforcing speed. We have an agreed 20mph approach which after 3 months of CSW provided monitoring data can influence the deployment of police resources to enforce.

Thank you for all you have done this year. I wish you, your families and friends all the very best as we enter the festive period.

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## MEET THE TEAM

### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SPEED DETECTION OFFICER MICK HINTON

“ I began my career with the armed forces and completed 12 years with serving them. After leaving the Forces in 1995 I went on to join Devon and Cornwall Police as a Police Officer.

I started out as a response officer covering the St Austell and Newquay policing areas before being posted to the Armed Response Unit and Traffic Department based in Bodmin in 2000 ”.

*“ I am a keen motorcyclist and often get out and about on the roads around Cornwall on my days off and enjoy touring Europe during the summer months ”*

“ I finally hung up my boots and retired from being a police officer in 2015. After a spell away from the police, I returned to the Firearms Licensing Department as a police support staff member, before leaving to join Newquay Town Council as one of their enforcement officers.

In July 2023, I applied for the role of the part-time Community Speed Watch Speed Detection Officer and have enjoyed travelling around on my motorbike, meeting volunteers, training teams and assessing new sites. I have just now recently taken on the role full-time “.







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## 2024 CSW CONFERENCES

Exeter Westpoint & Royal Cornwall Showground

October saw our annual CSW conferences being held at the Royal Cornwall Showground and Westpoint Conference Centre. The days consisted of guest speakers from IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists), Devon and Somerset Fire Service presenting their Learn2Live scheme, Cornwall Mobility with their Driving safer for longer presentation and our very own Dave Burrows; Motorcycle Activity Engagement Co-ordinator providing some helpful tips around identifying motorcycles and the work ongoing by Devon and Cornwall Police to tackle issues with motorcyclists.



We had a fantastic turn out with lots of CSW groups attending and representing their local areas. Officers from local policing teams and Speed Detection Officers also attended and were sat amongst their local groups to ensure that issues and topics could be discussed throughout the day.

A web based interactive application was used this year to allow groups in attendance to answer some set questions using their smart phones. These questions were to help the CSW scheme Managers to understand what the most successful recruitment avenues are and to allow CSW groups to provide feedback around group set up and if any positive changes can be made.







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One of the questions from the interactive presentation was:

**‘How has your Speed Watch activity led to changes in your community?’**

This produced some fantastic responses which highlighted again to us just what can be achieved by the time and effort CSW volunteers put into monitoring speeds in their local communities. Lots of groups advising that VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) have been successfully purchased by local councils or funded by communities themselves. Groups interpreting their data and identifying that vehicles are slowing in their areas compared to when their activities first began. Speed Enforcement Officers being present in CSW areas, due to Devon and Cornwall Police being able to utilise the data produced by CSW groups and areas of risk being identified.







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We appreciate that not all communities work in the same way and the process of achieving alternative speed calming measures can be slow going at times, but we hope that seeing some of these responses will keep other groups motivated who are at the beginning stages of trying to achieve change in their areas.



All questions submitted by groups that were not answered during the Q&A part of the conference will be responded to. These questions will be collated on one document with their answers and forwarded out to all CSW groups in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all of you who attended and making the day a success. For those who were unable to join us this year, we will hopefully see you at the 2025 CSW conferences.







## OUT AND ABOUT

The Community Speed Watch Scheme Managers have been busy over the summer period joining group monitoring sessions, distributing, and docking Body Worn Video devices and training new groups. It has been wonderful catching up with groups and meeting and welcoming the new group members who are starting their CSW activities in their local communities.

Please remember if any groups have any questions or need help with anything CSW related then contact [speedwatch@dc.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@dc.police.uk) and the Speed Watch team will endeavour to help.

## CSW TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:



Braunton & Knowle CSW group attended the annual Braunton Wheels community event back in the summer. The group attend this event yearly to showcase the CSW scheme and answer any questions. Thank you Braunton & Knowle CSW for your efforts.





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## OUT AND ABOUT

### DRIVE SAFER FOR LONGER – CORNWALL MOBILITY

Driving Safer for Longer is a workshop delivered by an accredited driver to community groups of older experienced drivers with the key aim of addressing concerns experienced on the roads and to provide helpful advice.

If you know of someone who may benefit from attending this workshop please visit:

**[Drive Safer For Longer – Cornwall Mobility](#)**

## THANK YOU!

In August we received an email from a driver in response to a CSW letter they had received:

*" Dear Community Watch Speed Team*

*I don't know if this is appropriate for me to thank you for your letter but I am very grateful of your letter. It sincerely got my attention and has brought an immediate awareness to my speed when driving around town.*

*I need to say that I think this is a really good intervention method and has certainly worked on me.*

*Job well done Team!*

*Thank you! "*





# ROAD SAFETY WEEK - DAY OF ACTION

**ONLY**  
**4%**  
**OF ALL PASSING**  
**VEHICLES**  
**WERE DETECTED**  
**SPEEDING**

The figures for CSW group activity are excellent!

This years National Road Safety Week was held between November 17th – 23rd. Many CSW groups were out and about being visible at the roadside monitoring traffic and out of 16,054 vehicles monitored, only 647 vehicles were detected speeding, equating to 4% of all passing vehicles.

So CSW activity is really working in our communities!

- **54** groups across Devon and Cornwall took part
- **253** volunteering hours given
- **78** Roadside sessions completed

**647 vehicles**  
reported for  
speeding

**16,054** passing  
vehicles were  
monitored

Fastest speed recorded :  
**38mph** in a 20mph  
area (90% above the  
speed limit)

**42** vehicles recorded  
travelling at 50% and  
above the advertised  
speed limit







NEW GROUPS

HELLO AND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW GROUPS

Devon

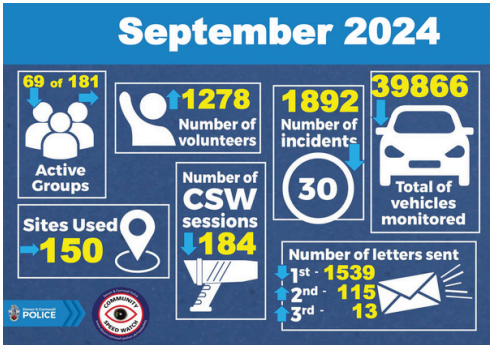
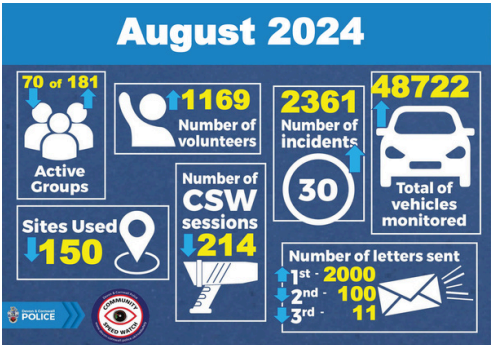
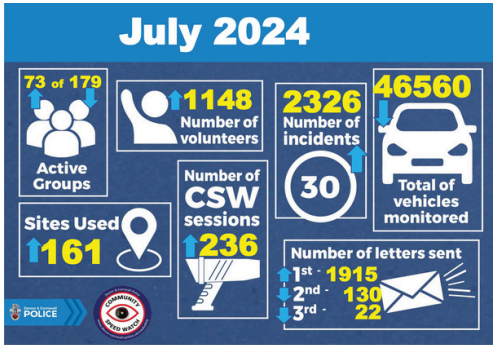
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- Bittaford & Wrangaton

Cornwall

- Pipers Pool
- Madron

STATISTICS

July, August & September 2024



QUARTERLY GROUP CO-ORDINATOR TEAMS MEETING:

Thursday 12th December 10:00-11:00 hrs

The next meeting is planned for Thursday 12th December 1000-1100hrs. If there are topics you would like to discuss please email the Devon and Cornwall Police CSW team at: [speedwatch@dc.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@dc.police.uk)

Invitations to this Microsoft Teams meeting will be sent out to all registered group co-ordinators email addresses very soon. Please keep an eye on your email inbox and check your junk/spam inboxes.

